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SUBJECT: DAS REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE FOR REPAIR OF CAPTURED

AIRCRAFT

REF: BOGOTA 11076

WE RECOGNIZE IMPORTANCE OF AIR MOBILITY TO NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT
IN COLOMBIA AND FIND PROSPECT OF MEETING THIS REQUIREMENT WITH
AIRCRAFT SEIZED IN NARCOTICS OPERATIONS ATTRACTIVE FROM SEVERAL
ASPECTS. (OUR OWN LAWS PROVIDE POWERS TO PENALIZE CARRIERS OF
CONTRABAND TO SEVERE LIMITS.) ON THE OTHER HAND, POSSIBLE
RAMIFICATIONS IN FINANCING REPAIR OF CAPTURED AERO COMMANDER
SUGGEST THAT WE SHOULD HAVE FURTHER INFORMATION BEFORE MAKING ANY
COMMITMENT. WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW ALL THE DETAILS CONCERNING THE
SEIZURE, THE OWNERSHIP OF THE PLANE PRIOR TO SEIZURE, PARTICULARLY
NATIONALITY OF THE OWNER, PILOT AND LIENHOLDERS, AND THE
PROCESS FOR CONFIRMING DAS'S TITLE TO THE PLANE. WE COULD NOT
ALLOCATE FUNDS UNTIL PROCESS GIVING TITLE TO DAS HAS BEEN
COMPLETED, AND WE WOULD NOT WANT TO REPAIR AN AIRPLANE TO WHICH
DAS'S TITLE MIGHT LATER BE SUBJECT TO REAL DISPUTE EITHER IN
COLOMBIAN OR US COURTS. KISSINGER

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